

BATNET ALERT
LCD TV THIEF ARRESTED
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On Wednesday, October 18, 2006, Thomas Ryan Miller (DOB 06-25-1975) was arrested at a big box retail store on SW Military Drive, after being detained by store security staff. Miller was detained after trying to exit the store carrying a Sanyo 32 inch LCD TV, which he had not paid for. As of 10-30-2006, Miller is still in jail on charges of Assault Bodily Injury and Theft under \$500.

What is most interesting about this case is how store security was able to detect Miller in the act and ultimately detain him.

According to store security, On October 13, 2006, a male suspect entered the store with a t-shirt for return. He walked past customer service, went to the electronics department, selected a Sanyo 32 inch LCD TV, walked to a store exit different than the one he had come in, and showed the door attendant the refund slip, saying that he had intended to return the TV but had decided to take it with him, and then exited the store. By the time management knew about it, the suspect and the \$880+ TV were gone.

The same suspect did the same activity at other stores on October 16 and on October 17, but at those stores the activity was recorded by surveillance cameras. On October 18, store Asset Management printed up photos of the suspect and circulated them to store employees.

That same morning, the suspect was seen in the store, selecting another Sanyo 32 inch LCD TV. Asset Management was notified and was able to stop him as he exited the store with the TV. The suspect struggled, but was held down by store staff until SAPD arrived.

Thomas Ryan Miller was arrested and charged with Assault Bodily Injury and with Theft. He used the same pattern to steal the same model TV: enter the store through one set of doors with a t-shirt for a refund, go to the electronics area, select a Sanyo 32 inch LCD TV, and exit through another door.